

Safety and Awareness Month, Motorcycle fatalities have decreased by 18 percent. It is therefore my pleasure to recognize Texas Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month and to extend my appreciation to the members of the Texas Confederation of Clubs for all their work to promote motorcycle safety.

CARMEN ORTIZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Carmen Ortiz for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Carmen Ortiz is a 12th grader at Jefferson Senior High and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Carmen Ortiz is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Carmen Ortiz for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST FLIGHT AT ROBERTSON AIRPORT

HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2011

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the first airplane flight at Robertson Airport in Plainville, Connecticut. A century ago this month, young inventor and pilot Nels Nelson made the first powered, sustained flight in Plainville—and one of the first in Connecticut—in a small buckwheat field in the northwest section of town. Though only a few minutes in duration, Nelson's flight marks Robertson Airport as the oldest airfield in the State of Connecticut.

Coming on the heels of the Wright Brothers' seminal launch at Kitty Hawk in 1903, Nelson's feat was the beginning of what remains a long and storied history of flight in Plainville. During the first half of the previous century, a number of small airstrips dotted the town's landscape. In fact, one location on the current site of Plainville High School was frequently utilized by Governor John Trumbull, the "Flying Governor," who was a Plainville native and pilot.

The field on which Nelson made his historic flight did not become a formal airport until 1941, when Stamford Robertson purchased the property. For years Robertson operated a flight school at the airport and remained involved in its operations, even after selling it to Tomasso Brothers, Inc. in the late 1970s. In

2009, the Town of Plainville purchased the airport, in large part to preserve this historic site and to ensure its continuation as a functioning airfield.

Today, I want to commemorate Nelson's flight and to recognize all of those who have contributed to the preservation and operation of Robertson Airport over the years. From the late Stamford Robertson and the Tomasso Brothers to the Plainville Historic Society and the Plainville Aviation Commission to the pilots, citizens, and elected officials who have supported the airport, I would like to commend all of you for your commitment to this important landmark—one that continues to be a vital and thriving piece of Plainville's history and identity.

HONORING JOHN D. DEFOOR

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2011

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, John D. Defoor was born on October 2, 1945 and departed this life on March 19, 2010; and

Whereas, today we gather to memorialize the life of Mr. John D. Defoor, his accomplishments and his service to our Nation; and

Whereas, seven years and eleven months of the life of Mr. John D. Defoor was given to serve our country as a soldier in the United States Army, where he fought with valor and honor during the Vietnam War; and

Whereas, he gave of himself, his time, and his talent as he served his country and fellow soldiers, wherein he was awarded various medals for his courage and service during his tour of duty in the Republic of Vietnam; and

Whereas, Mr. John D. Defoor was a son, a friend and a man of great integrity who remained true to the uplifting of our Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow a special recognition on Mr. John D. Defoor for his leadership, friendship and service to all of the citizens of Georgia and throughout the Nation as a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby attest to the 112th Congress of the United States that Mr. John D. Defoor of Doraville, DeKalb County, Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Recognition" by declaring Mr. John D. Defoor U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the Fourth Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 30th day of April, 2011.

BRIANNA YOUNG

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Brianna Young for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Brianna Young is an 8th grader at Moore Middle School and received this award because

her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Brianna Young is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Brianna Young for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

HONORING LIEUTENANT TERRY BAUER

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2011

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate an important member of Indiana's State Excise Police.

Lieutenant Terry Bauer has served the Indiana State Excise Police with distinction, integrity, and dedication for over 37 years. He proudly holds the record for the longest serving officer in ISEP's history. Throughout those years, he consistently demonstrated the highest standards of outstanding leadership and public service. He left the ISEP on April 30th of this year and is excited to begin a new chapter of his life.

Lieutenant Bauer served as the President of the Indiana State Excise Police Officers Association. In this role, he successfully lobbied the Indiana General Assembly for full unrestricted police powers and won. This is now referred to as the greatest moment in history for the ISEP and its officers. It gave them new law enforcement opportunities and a new level of respect as a state law enforcement agency.

I would like to thank his family: his wife Elaine, sons Chris and Brian and their wives Christa and Heather, and his grandson Collin, for so selflessly supporting Lieutenant Bauer in his long and accomplished career. I am proud to honor Lieutenant Bauer in recognition of his exemplary leadership and outstanding contributions to the ISEP.

RECOGNIZING MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON AIR FORCE ROTC, AND THE PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY ARMY ROTC, FOR THEIR WORK ESTABLISHING A NEW FUND-RAISER ON BEHALF OF THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS WARRIOR FOUNDATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2011

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor members of the University of Washington Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC), as well as the Pacific Lutheran University Army Reserve Officer Training Corps, for creating the First Annual "22 to